



The Woman with the Hoe in the Texas Coast Country

Mrs. E. A. F. . . .
 lean in the
 Farmer and
 Fruitman.
 Dear Editor
 In response
 your invitation
 I will let you
 know a few
 about the Coast
 country.
 adopted
 home.
 I was a Cleve-
 rigorous climate of the Northern
 country, where the thermometer had
 wear millions of dollars in
 days every winter, but for many reasons
 I have learned to love the Sunny South
 and its people much better.
 I am now a happy resident and a practical
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 cal of the country is green and

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dates. The heat during summer is never oppressive. The temperature has never been reached above 80° in the right groves in August. The pure fresh air of Greece is never failing. Its cool invigorating breeze makes us glad that we are alive. It gives one a joy to breathe. All ailments of the lungs are cured by the fresh air, even consumption, yields to its potent influence as if by magic. Many authors have written that it is only to prolong the life of a few more months to the heart and well, and prospering financially. So several consumptives whom I have known have been cured by the fresh air. It is here in the open air, living in tents and even sleeping on the ground as the Indians do, that the cure is effected.

Dr. J. Worthen of Peoria, Kan., who holds the chair of surgery in the Kansas Medical college is a hotel specialist. He has chronicled his experience in pneumatology, highly recommends this country for a permanent residence for those afflicted with this disease, and has cured many troubles, and has sent upwards of 150 patients to the various health resorts in the United States, with the constant cure with gratifying results.

Two, three and even four crops per year are grown abundantly in the same land. Many of the fruits are of exceptional immense quantities and of the same quality. All kinds of vegetables grow here in the open air, and are ripe and ripening in December. I have picked the first Christmas, and we have them until the spring sometimes as late as July. Last winter and the year before it was high as 87 per cent. One Kansas Christian had cleared above all expenses 50

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in strawberry culture, the plants grow vigorously. The best time to set is from August to November. The plants are currently being sold in the Kansas City markets from the Texas coast country. Tenderberry grows to perfection and ripens early in the season. The fruit is large, sweet, juicy, delicious and productive. The Idaho berry comes next. Ripening May and June, yields bountifully and brings a high price.

Winter vegetables are more tender and better flavor, and will cook in one-third the time than the same varieties do in the North. Cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and lettuces are grown during the winter months and will always bring fabulous prices. The cauliflower grows here, which from plant to twelve pounds in February. Cauliflower in January generally brings from 20 to 30 cents per head.

One grower cleared \$700 on one acre of cauliflower three crops of Irish potato in one season. In a season, the first crop being harvested about November 15.

Texas represents one-eleventh of the United States in area, hence her various climates are representative of the entire continent. The tropics, with the Northern representative temperate regions. Excessive changes are very rare over the Southern States, and the climate is not so extreme. The first frost is December 25, and of the last January 5, which, however, does not hurt the crops.

The rainfall over the coast portion of the State is abundant for gardening purposes.

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The northern people who has not taken the properly preserved fig of the east country has missed the greatest delicacy of the market. Figs, watermelons and apples inhabit our streams and woods during the winter by the millions, and are the most abundant of wild turkeys are plentiful. Cattle feed on the open prairie the year round. Fuel of all kinds is abundant. The whole country is a prairie, yet timber is always in sight.

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The broad sun-drenched prairies offer you a new world to have."

It is the latitudinal word in the South vocabulary. It is written in living ink on the landscape, upon the trees, signifying the sun, upon the clouds, even in the manners of our street-car conductors. He who comes to this country is not here to be disappointed. His use is in ministering to the happiness and comfort of all who pull at his latch string. He is here to make the stranger who is free to enter at will and help him to find in the absence of the family, the comfort and the highwayman are unknown here."

The Southern woman is noted the world over for her charming, charming manner, low voiced and gentle, and intelligent, attractive, stylish in dress and companionable."

The Southern man is brave, courteous, progressive, wide awake and full of enterprise."

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'T'WAS A RING NOT A BRACELET

The Humiliation of a Young Man Who Went Shopping About Christmas.

A young man in the cross-steps held his lap a small package neatly wrapped and in the same steps were three charming girls.

"You have been buying a Christmas present!" exclaimed one of them, addressing the young man.

"Merely a little trinket for a girl cousin of mine."

"Please tell us what it is!"

"It came from the jeweler's," he replied calmly.

"The others chimed in.

"Oh, to let us see it!"

"Luck, cousin!"

"What did you say for her? Please tell us!"

The young man smiled and handed over his importance. "Well, it is though it a bracelet," he remarked, as though referring to a glaze.

"Quite a handsome thing in its way."

Scientific methods are discussed relative fruit growing and agriculture. Texas has the largest school appropriation of any State in the Union. Her schools are of the very best—common, high and normal. No child of school age may justly say that the opportunities for obtaining a primary and even a classical education have been denied him.

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"How lovely!"

"Expensive,"

He relieved their suspense with a casual air. "I gave \$700 for it," he said.

They gazed at him as if a lightning bolt that he was "holier" than the saints. The woman turned suddenly pale. Something inside the package touched something in her heart.

She was away with a racket that could be heard above the roar of wheels for the package contained, not diamonds, but an alarm clock—and a jeweler. Every eye upon him; every smile broadened; every countenance glowed with a happy, expansive grin—and still the man, the owner of the package, looked as if he had just bought a ring.

Along toward Harlem the victim of extravagance subsided and the victim of parsimony glowed with a purple anger. The young lady leaned sweetly forward. "You made a mistake," she said. "I bought a ring."

Sequitur.

Philadelphia Press.

Then—How do you know Jess is going to be a millionaire for his money?

—Jess:—She told me so herself.

—Goss:—What did she report they say?

—Jess:—Same thing. She said she was going to marry him.

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Cleveland Plain Dealer.